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GREETING YOU AT CHRISTMAS
 WITH BEST WISHES FOR YOUR HAPPINESS

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It is a pleasure, at this time of the year
 to greet our friends, who, through
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Through the Keyhole

BY MRS. ROBERT CANNON

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About People and Things

By C. B. McDowell

FOUR MARRIAGE LICENSES

Four marriage licenses were issued from the Elba Probate Office the past week to:

Pate Harrison, 21, Elba, R. 2, and Miss Alma Bowden, 18, Elba, R. 3.

Nelson Osborn, 23, Elba, R. 2, and Miss Doris Dike Roberts, 17, Elba.

Earl Burgess Brown, 33, Evesgreen, and Miss Jeanne Goodman, 25, New Brockton.

Franklin Delano Moore, 21, Milton, Fla., and Miss Tonio Katherine Riddle, 19, Kinross.

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Five New Businesses Open in Elba During Past 12 Months

Opening of five new businesses, month later Rowe's Florist started operation when Bonneau Rowe returned to Elba. The others constituted the main staples in business circles specialized outlet to go after the growing television set market when Walter Smith came back to town after business experience in Columbus, Ga., and were not as great as those recorded the year before.

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Another dry hole was struck in a drilling venture on the Strickland farm south of New Brockton in May and strip mining for peat was started in Pike County a month later. In Kinross, Gov. Elect James Folsom helped dedicate a new sewing school. The old street lights were also placed around the school grounds.

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Natural Gas and Airport Make City News

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GRASS FIRE
 The Elba Fire Department was called to the White Water bridge Friday afternoon where a grass and tree fire threatened adjacent buildings on the east side of the bridge. The flames were extinguished.

FISHING GOOD
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Worst Break of the Year-Dry Weather

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AN AWARD should be given for some of the Christmas decorations seen this year. Elbians have really outdone themselves

in decking "the halls with boughs of holly." Door decorations seem to be the most popular. One door is tied in wide red satin ribbon like a package and another bears a cluster of red balls against a background of green foliage. A candy-striped door has a dainty violin. Bright lights shine in greenery shaped around the entrance to a white house. In another home a window send a welcome down the dark ribbon of highway. Strings of green foliage, a candy-striped light draped from a television antenna outline a dramatic tree. Outdoor trees are pretty, some with all colors of lights, others in only one color.

Inside mantels seem to afford the best spot for our artists' efforts. A most unusual idea is one of a large bronze sun radiating ribbons which end in golden bubbles. In another home red candles placed in a holder of holly and berries casts its burning reflection in a mirror. And at another long stockings "hung by the chimney with care" speak with mute eloquence of things to come.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS is a look for fresh-faced and hearty are the college boys and girls. Pert Nina Hudson showed us her lovely collection of Christmas cards. The auto belonged to her roommate at Troy, Wayne Hamann and Bert English were home for the holidays. The Englishs, theme which was television, entitled "Paradise Lost." Tulse Dismukes has been home for some weeks on account of a recent illness but is fine now. Mary Ann Clark, looking fine and as cute as Christmas itself in a dark green taffeta, is teaching the local swains to "Bop." A C. Brunson who is now working in one of the Tri-Cities was as pleasant a conversationalist as I've encountered lately. A letter from Doyle Morrow tells us he'll be home soon for a 14-day furlough after which he goes to points unknown. Got a big welcome from Bill Poole, home from service, and looking grand. A most interesting story was told by one of Cannon Motor Co. was made by John Lowery and Peggy Holloway with Bobby Hudson taking in a movie. Anne Jim Dorman is really sold on Auburn and tells us we "best haven't lived" since we went to Bama. Donnie Brunson is usual gay self home from two weeks. Harry Jackson waved as he passed. We look forward to others who have not yet arrived.

CLOSE OUT ALL DOLLS 1/3 PRICE Other Toys Equally Low Easy Pay Tire Store

And exactly four years ago Grace and Harvey Waters welcomed the arrival of a daughter who was named Sammie Blue for Sammie (Blue) Morrow. The years have passed swiftly and Sammie is now a polite young lady who goes to ball games and church, long braids swinging saucily as she walks.

The birthday party held at the Waters' home on Dec. 4 was a lovely one. There was a long cake across the top of which Santa drove his prancing reindeer. In one corner of the room stood a dark green tree hung with plump red, blue and yellow balls with ropes of glittering tinsel and the fragile icicles which young fingers love to explore. And best of all there were countless balloons to play with and even take home after all the ice cream was eaten.

At the last minute I was unable to attend the party but was told that there were great festivities.

About People and Things

By C. B. McDowell

FOUR MARRIAGE LICENSES were issued from the Elba Probate Office the past week to:

Fate Harrison, 21, Elba, Pa. 3, and Miss Anna Bowen, 18, Elba, Pa. 3.

Nelson Osborn, 23, Elba, Pa. 3, and Miss Doris Dine Roberts, 17, Elba, Pa. 3.

Earl Burgess Brown, 33, Evergreen, and Miss Jeanne Goodman, 26, Brockton.

Franklin Delano Moore, 21, Milton, Fla., and Miss Toni Katherine Riddle, 19, Kingston.

CONTRAST IN WEATHER Robert Newton, stationed at Fort Devens, Mass., is spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Newton and other relatives. He took his basic training at Ft. Jackson, S. C. and is taking a 26-week course at Ft. Devens.

Robert is experiencing his first Northern snow and icy weather, while his friend Doyle Morrow, who is stationed in the navy at San Diego, Calif., reports he is enjoying the balmy weather for which Southern California is noted.

METHODIST PASTOR AWAY During the absence of the pastor, Rev. Elvin T. Edgar, Rev. John Lane, who is in charge of Elba Lake activities, occupied the pulpit at the Elba Methodist Church Sunday morning and delivered an interesting sermon.

The young folks of the church had charge of the evening service. A program honoring college students and visiting members of the armed forces who are home for the holidays, was given.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Mr. & Mrs. C. B. McDowell Roy E. McDowell and Mrs. Mary Newton visited Mrs. Howard McClellan and Mrs. McClellan at Monticello, Fla. Christmas Day and Sunday, Mrs. McClellan accompanied them to Elba Sunday evening for a visit.

Cities and towns around were beautifully decorated with lights and Christmas ornaments. Especially beautiful with its elaborate display was Thomasville, Ga.

Elba's lights and private decorations compared favorably with those of cities of comparable size.

IN ANDALUSIA Ellis Brazelton transacted business for the Emergency Aid Insurance Co. in Andalusia Monday morning.

VISITING PARENTS Dr. D. P. McDowell of Decatur, Ga., is visiting his parents, Mr. & Mrs. C. B. McDowell and other relatives.

BASKETBALL RESUMED After taking time out for the Christmas holidays, the Elba Tigers, undefeated in seven games so far this season, will resume play against Andalusia at the gym Friday night.

The Tigers have made a good showing so far this season and it is hoped the team will be even stronger from now on. Much excitement is being created among the six foot four inch, rooster who will be eligible for the first time at the semester. Elba is from a basketball family and those who have watched him practice say he should be a valuable addition to the Tigers.

PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS One of the most peaceful and serene Christmas holiday periods in the history of Elba has come and gone.

In commenting on it, Dr. J. M. Jimmy stated he did not have a single emergency call of any kind, which was the first time within his memory that such was the case. Other physicians in the area have made similar reports.

The only accident during the holiday weekend occurred on the Brantley highway near Hamm school house. The auto belonged to someone in Dothan and was burned beyond being repaired. It has been towed into Dorsey's back lot waiting for the owner to claim it.

FAMILY REUNION The home of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Jackson was the scene of a family reunion Sunday, Dec. 20. Guests included Mrs. John Bonneau, Jack Corrine and Mrs. Corrine West. Mrs. Lander Currier, her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Bonneau, Mr. & Mrs. Bonneau Rowe, Page and Nina, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Byrd and little son, Oates West of Enterprise, Mrs. Tim, of Cordele, Ga., are visiting her parents. Mr. & Mrs. Margaret, Margaret and Jack of Greenville, Mr. & Mrs. Walter being quite sick for several days, Jackson, Harry and Marsha, but is reported improving.

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Five new establishments opening their doors for trade were: Shoe Shop, Arla's Flower Shop, Rowe's Florist, Smitty's Radio and TV and Peoples Hospital Insurance Co. A. R. Stafford from Brewton in March opened the shoe repair stand formerly known as Bradley Shoe Shop. The same month with Mrs. Charles A. Byrd as manager, Arla's Flower Shop came into the Elba business picture. A month later Rowe's Florist started closing of three, fires in two and major improvements in three others constituted the main happenings in business circles during 1954. Following 1953 which was a year of intense activity for merchants, accomplishments for the past 12 months were not as great as those recorded the year before.

Always a strong insurance town, a new firm, Peoples Hospital Insurance Co., broke into the health insurance market in July when Kline Bentley joined the local firm in the maximum commission.

Smitty's, the old sewing plant, building on Troy Highway, the National Security Insurance Co. remodelled it and put in a completely modern set of offices. Along with installation of IBM equipment, the firm is doing a lot of time-consuming detail work.

Three happenings outside the town were:

in the records section, this was a real year of growth and expansion for this firm.

A retail depository and safe deposit boxes were installed at the Elba Exchange Bank to give them a more complete set of banking services for their patrons.

Fires damaged Veterans Auto Parts and the warehouse at the Elba Gin & Warehouse Co. Early in the year a blaze cost the auto parts firm a \$1,000 loss. Now at the height of the cotton ginning season a fire destroyed a warehouse and its contents of County a month later. In Kingston, Gov. Elbert Folsom helped dedicate a new sewing plant on March 8.

Seeking trade in an increasingly competitive market, Elba merchants became more promotional conscious and staged two city-wide sales events in the last six months of the year. A Dollar Day and White Elephant Sale were worked out on a basis where almost all the merchants participated with specialties.

The end of an era was marked by the ACL Railroad as they discontinued passenger train service into Elba. Whitman Drug and the remodeling job they had completed the previous year received a writup in the 25th issue of the Southeastern Drug Journal. To train men and women for positions in business firms, the Coffee County Business School opened its classes to veterans and non-veterans.

An offer by a sewing plant (Tanner) to locate in Elba if a \$100,000 building could be erected for them was passed by because that's a lot of money here.

Natural Gas and Airport Make City News

Biggest news during the year in the city was the announcement that natural gas would be piped into the city during 1955 and would probably be available for home owners to use before next winter.

Next biggest break on the city news front was the purchase of an airport site for the town. Taking place last week, the transaction culminated weeks of work by the Chamber of Commerce and the city school board and county board of education reached the court room stage because of a disagreement over bus routes. It was resolved one Saturday morning to every-

important events occurred during 1954. In their first full year under a city school system considerable money came out of the taxpayers' pockets to finance their operation. First the council agreed to pay the salary of an additional teacher and later on voted to spend \$10,000 on repairs for the floors at the high school. The old street lights were also placed around the school grounds.

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one's satisfaction in front of Circuit Judge Eric Paul.

Of secondary importance was action authorizing the repair of the old municipal building and the first cleaning of the old water reservoir in 50 years.

Installation of a two-way radio system for the police puts them in a position to be in instant contact with other law enforcement officers in the region as well as gave the police car contact with the headquarters in city hall.

The weather also made a little note in the town's history when a snow flurry left a covering of white on the ground Saturday morning, March 6.

Worst Break of the Year-Dry Weather

The weather had the biggest influence on the farm and business picture in 1954 as the county went through what has been the driest summer in its history. Following two years of sub-normal rainfall, the blisterer cut down the 20 per cent use of water in Pea River stopped the power plant from generating electricity for the longest period in the plant's history.

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Individuals Make Clipper Headlines in 1954

Deaths of prominent men, appointments to important posts, election and winning of scholarships put individual names of Elbians in Clipper headlines during the past 12 months.

The one person who received more newspaper space than all other Coffee County men put together was former Elbian James Rhodes. With his company, Elba Rhodes received a medical scholarship—his first in all of Alabama.

For his prowess on the football field Thomas Prescott earned himself an athletic scholarship to the University.

Early in the year Ellis Brazelton was named "Man of the Year" by the Lions Club.

Two ministers in the news were Rev. E. T. Edgar who returned by his second year at the local church and Minister Curtis Duke, 31, of Columbus, Ga., who agreed to leave the Church of Christ here.

James Rhodes received a 15 year sentence in connection with the fatal shooting of Homer McCord, a former Elbian, in 1939. Rhodes made unusual records for himself when they completed 12 years of schooling without missing a day.

Named as a director of the National Gunshot Wholesalers Association was Sam Sawyer.

Five-year-old Roger Wise started on the road to fame by winning himself the title of "Mr. Midget Gospel Concert Singer of Alabama" for 1954.

Local Athletes Post Almost Perfect Records

Elba high school athletes might have years as good as 1954 but they will never have them any better. Both the basketball team and football squad went through their schedules undefeated.

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tion of Project SACP 7257 B, 7253
A in Coffee County and that the
County accepted the work on
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final settlement will be placed
in line for payment upon com-
pletion of four (4) weeks ad-

vertising period and all claims
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1955.
Joe P. Walters, Contractor.
Dec. 30-Jan. 20 80w

89 Coffee Countians
Enrolled at Auburn
AUBURN—Of the 7048 students
who studied at the Alabama
Polytechnic Institute the past
quarter, 89 were residents of

Coffee County.
As reported to Dr. Ralph B.
Draughon, president, by Charles
Edwards, registrar, the follow-
ing Coffee County students stud-
ied at APT:
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Ann Clark, Lloyd Madison Crook,
Raymond Edgar Davis, Annie
Jim Dorman, Bert Treadwell,
English John Hinson Farris, Do-
nald Edward Grimes, Phillip H.
Hamm, Wayne Hamm, William
Howard Harper, Ruth Moore
Hawkins, William F. Head, Jr.,
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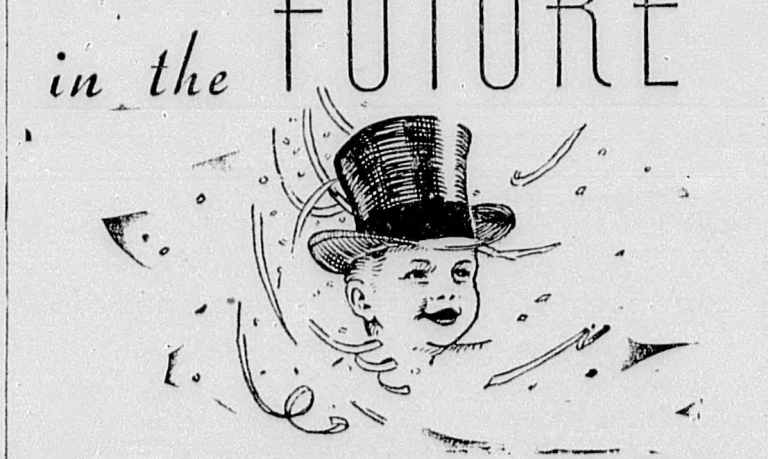
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AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE
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CONFIDENCE
in the FUTURE



It is with complete confidence that we look
forward to the future of this community. The
people of this area have every facility to
make the New Year one of happiness and
prosperity and it is our belief that the New
Year will be one of record achievement. May
you have a most successful and profitable
year, our wish for you.

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Company

Here's
wishing you a
HAPPY
NEW YEAR
Elba Theatre

Once again
BEST WISHES
For the New Year

Smith Brothers
1910 1954

Greetings
for the
NEW YEAR



City of Elba

From our EARLY FILES

Relatives and friends in Elba
were greatly shocked and deeply
grieved Saturday when a mes-
sage was received stating that
Ed Hay, prominent Donaldson-
ville, Ga. citizen had been ac-
cidentally shot. The accident
occurred about three miles from
his home while he was returning
from a hunting trip. He was
crossing a wire fence and the
gun was discharged. The shot
hit him in the abdomen. He was
accompanied by his adopted son
Billie and another boy who rushed
for medical aid, but the in-
jured man died about two hours
after the accident.

Mr. Hay was well-known in
Elba having been a frequent vi-
sitor. He was highly esteemed
by many friends here.

Surviving are his wife, the for-
mer Miss Lela Brooks, popular
Elba girl, and a number of other
relatives. By request the body
was prepared for burial by C. A.
Devane of Elba.

Among those from Elba at-
tending the funeral which was
held in Donaldsonville were Mr.
& Mrs. D. J. Brooks, Dan Brooks,
Jr., Mrs. J. H. Armour Mrs. Geo.
Borrow, Dr. & Mrs. C. P. Hayes,
Fred Harper, P. G. Mathis and
L. P. Mullins.

—22 Years Ago—
The Peppy Rookers Club met
Thursday evening at the home
of Misses Lee and Mary Elba
Prescott, joint hostesses. Delic-
ious salad and hot coffee were
served by the hostesses assisted
by Miss Annie Laurie Dawkins
and Mrs. Aliene English. Those

present were Misses Lela Lee,
Obal Kate Jackson, Mary June
McDowell, Gladys Jackson, An-
nie Laurie Dawkins, Frances
McDowell, Louise Money, Noble
Burkett and Mary Elba Prescott;
Mrs. Aliene English, Messrs.
Charles Rhodes, Peters Wilson,
John Ballard, Roy Bryan, all of
Spring Hill, Felix Morrow, Ken-
yon Gill, Tullis Kemp, Floy Per-
ette and Hollis Gill.

Among the Elba boys and girls
attending the various colleges
who are at home for the Christ-
mas holidays are: from Auburn,
Sara Shealey, J. A. Canley Jr.,
from Birmingham, Madeline and
Haidane Strain, from Alabama
University, Eris Paul, Levy Row-
ell, William Jones, Lehman Par-
ris, from Camp Hall, Tenn., Tom
Kendrick, from Chattanooga,
Tenn., Claude and Henry Dor-
sey, from Nashville, Tenn.,
Hoshin Michel and Charles
Hayes; from Howard College in
Birmingham, Walter Whitman,
Jr.; from Troy State Teachers
College, Pauline Trawick, Irene
Moore, Louise Tucker, Georgia
Clark, from Freed-Hardman,
Ned Young.

—22 Years Ago—
The whole community was
shocked when news was received
that Travis Peacock, popular 19-
year-old Elba youth, had died in
Enterprise hospital, Dec. 27. He
had undergone an operation for
appendicitis four days previous-
ly. He was born near Elba and
had lived in and around this
city all of his life. He was the
son of Mr. & Mrs. Will Peacock.
His mother and five sisters, Mrs.
Comer Devane, Mrs. George
Rushine, Mrs. Alfred Maddox,
Mrs. Jim Ammons and Miss Mil-
dred Peacock, survive.

He was a member of the Elba
Baptist Church and was active
in Sunday School and other re-
ligious work. Funeral services
were held Wednesday afternoon
at the Baptist Church, Rev. B.
S. Franklin officiating, assisted
by Rev. L. W. Tubb and Prof.
James C. Dixon. Flowers were
gathered by Pinkard, Charles
Hayes, Arthur Brunson, John
Bridgman, Walter Whitman, Jr.
and Millard Conner. Interment
in Evergreen Cemetery, with the
Rhodes Funeral Home in charge.

Here's to a
HAPPY
NEW YEAR
To you—our Friends
JEWEL BOX

As we await the ad-
vent of another new
year, we accept the
challenge it affords
us. It gives us an
opportunity to take
inventory of our-
selves, to see in how
many ways we can
improve our ser-
vices to our cus-
tomers. We accept
the challenge to do
all in our power to
serve you more ef-
ficiently, to merit
your continued pa-
tronage and to
maintain your
friendship.
Happy New Year
ALL!

Elba Oil Co.

Ready for the
NEW YEAR
We believe it will be a good one for
the fine citizens of this community. Big
things will be accomplished, we are
certain, and we hope to have a small
part in the progress we know is
forthcoming.

Martin Mercantile

This is the time of the year when
we pause in retrospect... seeking,
as best we can, ways in which we
can improve relationships with our
fellowmen. Realizing our shortcom-
ings in the past, we pledge to make
every effort to be of better service
to you in the future.

New Year Greetings!

STEPHENSON'S BARBER SHOP
STEPHENSON'S CAFE

PRIDE
of Achievement

Looking backward over the past twelve months we
see many things for which to be thankful...
many achievements to which all can point
with justifiable pride. With such success as a
background, we can see only complete
success for the people of this community in the future.

Piggly Wiggly

Success to All...!!

May your every venture next year result in complete
success, and may you see the realization
of every good wish come true. We are
grateful for your friendships and trust
we may continue to be of service
to you for many years to come.

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1954-55 Basketball Schedule

Dec. 9—Pleasant Home Here	Dec. 14—Lurven Here
Dec. 14—Lurven Here	Dec. 20—Kinston Here
Jan. 7—Andalusia Here	Jan. 14—Dothan Here
Jan. 14—Dothan Here	Jan. 16—Greenville Here
Jan. 21—Kinston There	Jan. 25—Dothan Here
Jan. 25—Dothan Here	Jan. 26—Eufaula Here
Jan. 31—Enterprise Here	
Feb. 4—New Brocton There	Feb. 8—Eufaula There
Feb. 11—Opp There	Feb. 15—Greenville There
Feb. 17—Enterprise There	Feb. 18—New Brocton Here
Feb. 22—Andalusia Here	Feb. 25—Opp Here

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tutions of learning. Eight Ameri-
can colleges now own valuable
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Holloway, Susie Nell Hornsby,
Charles W. Jacobs, Chester Ja-
cobs, George W. Johnson Jr., En-
gene Lee, William Donald Lee,
Milan Burwell Morrow, Richard
Moody Norman, Mary Dowling
Rowe, Catherine B. Spurlin,
Duke Hamling Tatum, James C.
Travick and Carlton F. Whit-
man, Elba.

Roy Wayne Andrews, Joseph-
ine C. Armour, Terra Byrd Averett,
William Jordan Brooks, Albert
Brown Bryars, Noyce William
Burt, Ernest Sam Butler, Ger-
ald J. Cox, Tyrus Webster
Crumpler, Marianne Donaldson,
Robert Laird Ellis, Grover Clyde
Fleming, James A. Grimsley,
John William Griffin, John
William Gunter, James Lowell
Gunter, Max Martin Hardwick,
Cynthia Hayes, James Earl Hen-
derson, Lloyd Frank Hildreth,
James H. Horne, John C. John-
son, Winnie Louise LeCompte,
Stephen R. Metcalf, Mary Helen
Miller, Jones Wallace Miller,
Cula Ann Mixon, James Colson
Morgan, Floyd Emmett Puckett,
Edward Eli Purvis III, Ann Rob-
ertson, James B. Rollins Jr., Eric
Leslie Sheridan, Edward C. Sher-
ling Jr., Roy Gene Sims, Flora
Wade Bradshaw, Joe B. Devane,
Jeanne Goodhan, Ann Harris,
Jessie W. Horasby, James Clar-
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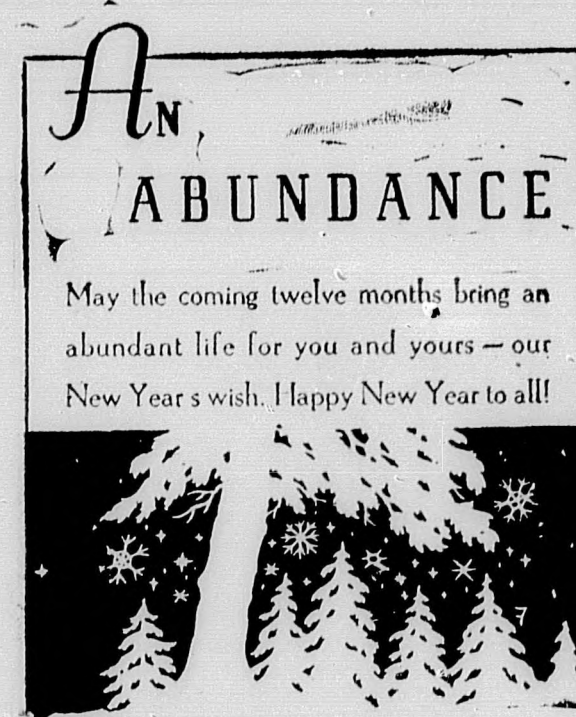
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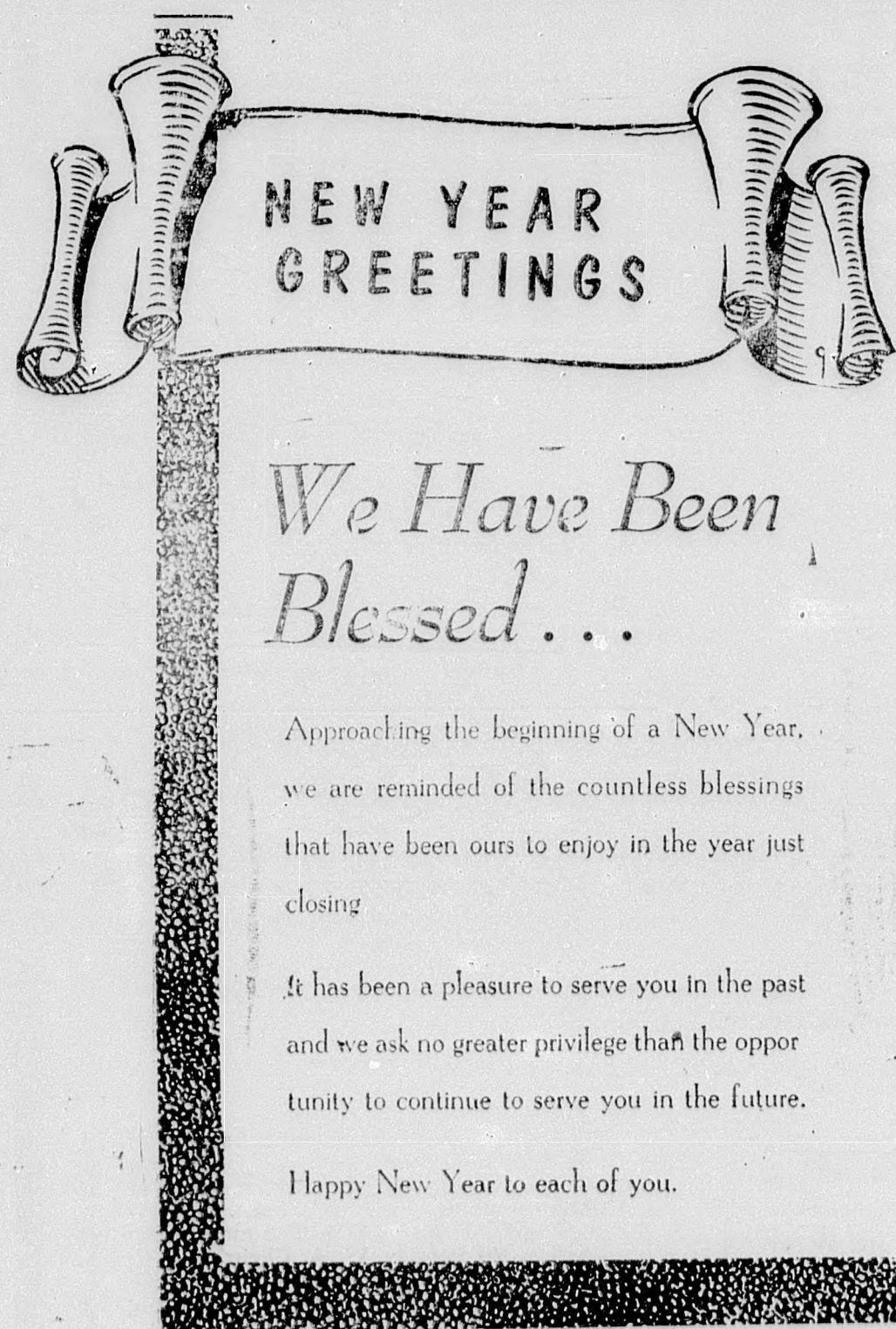
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LINDA JONES

Miss Linda Jones, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John I. Jones, has been elected Good Citizenship Girl of New Brockton High School. Linda is an honor student, member of Girls Chorus, P.H.A. Beta Club and is a talented pianist.

Co-op Pays \$4,604.08

Property Taxes

The Alabama and Covington Electric Cooperatives, both of which have their headquarters at Andalusia, recently made property tax payments in nine counties totaling \$27,019.21.

Property tax paid in Coffee County for 1954 amounted to \$4,604.08.

Officials announced that the total tax bill of the two rural electric co-ops for 1954, will be approximately \$60,846.

This includes a special hydro electric tax of \$13,121.15, paid by the Alabama Electric Cooperative on the generation of electrical power at its hydro plants. The firm operates hydro plants at Gantt and River Falls in Covington County and at Elba.



Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord...

—(Jeremiah 23, 24)

The Holy Spirit is ever present in all places and all things, surrounding us night and day as invisibly but as certainly as the air we breathe. He knows our every thought—and this is a blessed comfort to those who love Him.

Income Tax Forms Available in Troy

District Director of Internal Revenue, George D. Patterson, announced today that supplies of income tax forms are now available in his offices in the Post Office Building in Troy to accountants and lawyers and to individuals who cannot wait for the annual mailing of forms, which this year is scheduled to begin shortly after Christmas.

Tax practitioners who need large amounts of forms, should, whenever possible, have them picked up in Room 124, 1531 3rd Ave. N. Birmingham 3. If this is not possible, orders for forms should be mailed to the Director of Internal Revenue at that address.

BRIAN F. TURMAN has been appointed to the grade of staff sergeant, his commanding officer announced Dec. 13. Brian is serving with Headquarters, 1809th AACG Group, Airways and Communications Service (MATS) APO 710, San Francisco, Calif.

Land Posted Signs 56-Clipper

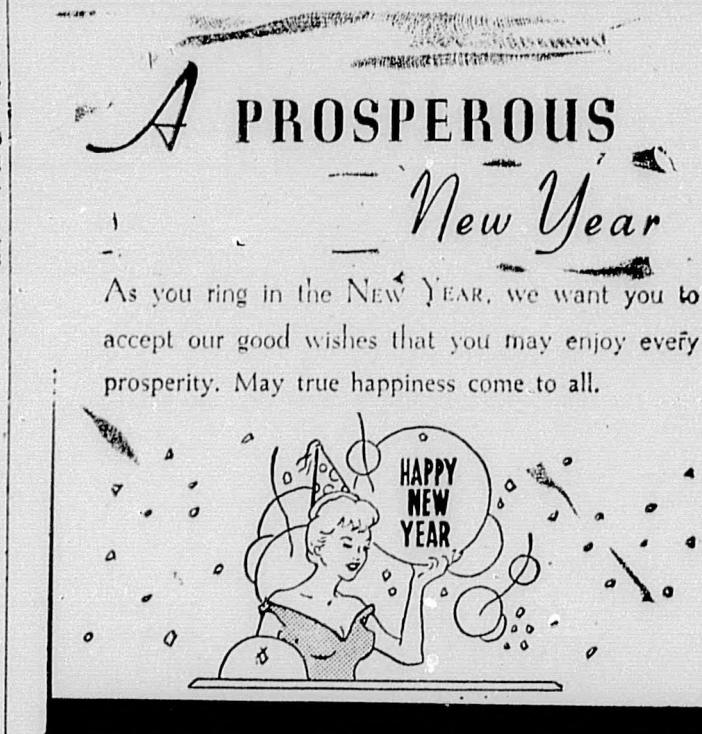
Get The Clipper Reading Habit



ALICE J. PARKER

WAC CENTER, Ft. McClellan, Ala.—Pvt. Alice J. Parker, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Shelby E. Parker, Rt. 5, Elba, has just completed basic training at the new Women's Army Corps Center, Ft. McClellan, Ala.

Prior to entering the WAC, Pvt. Parker was employed as a dental assistant. She is a graduate of Elba High School and has been assigned as a dental assistant at Ft. Sill, Okla.



English Drug Center



Your loyalty and patronage in the past months merit a genuine word of thanks from each of us. You have been very considerate and we are grateful. May the New Year hold every success and happiness for each of you, our friends.

Elba Exchange Bank



Cannon Motor Co.
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Trammell Auto Repair

We Recognize OUR OBLIGATIONS

Entering the New Year with every confidence, we want you to know we are fully aware of our obligations to you, our friends and customers. Thank you for your loyalty.

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THANK YOU Friends

Accept, please, our sincere thanks for your many courtesies in the past. We hope we may continue to merit them in the future.

Veterans Auto Parts

FROM ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER
HAPPY NEW YEAR
May you enjoy peace, contentment and happiness during the New Year.

Lindsey's Grill

CORDIAL GREETINGS
AND BEST WISHES ON THIS, THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR.

Standard Service Station

Never let it be said that we do not remember our friends. We are grateful for the associations we have had with the citizens of this area and look forward to many more years of friendships with you.

Happy New Year

City Electric & Plumbing Co.



May the bells of the New Year ring out with a full measure of health, happiness and prosperity for all.

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Editorials

City Takes Forward Step in Purchasing Airport Site

Final signing of the deeds for an airport site were made Tuesday, Dec. 21, when Stokes Haire, councilman, acquired the necessary signatures from Dewey Weeks and John Brown and gave them their checks for the property. The 180 acres of land, all within the city limits, cost \$11,500 or \$64 per acre. As soon as the check from the State Department of Aeronautics is received it will have the cost to \$32 per acre since the state will pay half the purchase price of the land.

On construction, the city's cash outlay should be negligible and the town even has the chance of defraying part of the cost of the land through the construction operation if things break their way.

Last week two officers from Camp Rucker were in town checking on the status of Elba's airport. This was the day before Stokes Haire closed the transaction for the property but they were assured the city was going to get the site. For their training program they need the facilities the town will offer. However, the officers could not commit the army to any definite action on use or improvements of the airstrip because all of their appropriations have been spent or committed and new money won't be available until July.

The officers did say the field, when constructed, will fit very nicely into their training plans and they wished it was available now. As many as 20 or 30 planes might be in the traffic pattern at the field at one time, practicing landings and take offs, they said. Thus it seems certain that the field will be used extensively.

Since it is also a real estate bargain for Elba taxpayers, it enables the town to take a progressive step at a negligible cost.

We felt certain, now that the city has purchased the land, the commissioners will do the necessary construction and grading at the earliest possible moment. By doing such a quick and efficient job at Enterprise, they showed that they were as interested in the progress of Coffee County as anyone.

Moving of Max Reeves to Atlanta Is Elba's Loss

Recently Mr. & Mrs. Max Reeves moved their family to a suburb of Atlanta. Mr. Reeves operated the Reeves Furniture Co. which employed one man besides himself and he owns rental property in West Elba. Besides these business activities, Mr. Reeves was a prominent civic worker, holding an important position as head of the Coffee County Selective Service Board and being a member of the Board of Education for the city schools. He also was prominent in the White Water Baptist Church and had many family connections.

Since he was so well-established here and had the prestige that goes with being a respected community leader, why did Mr. Reeves find it advantageous to move to Atlanta? Probably, finances were the main factor involved in the decision. Poor crops and reduction of employment in Elba's industries have slowed business activity and undoubtedly cut the income of every firm in town except one. Craftsman that he is in woodworking, Mr. Reeves can command a salary of at least \$2 an hour in the larger industrial centers. He will also obtain such benefits as time and one-half for overtime, health insurance, sick leave and paid holidays.

For the past six months we have been writing editorials on different subjects, expressing the personal opinion of the editor who knows many of his readers. This is especially true in the field of politics and price supports where we have advocated a two-party system and pointed out some of the economic weaknesses of guaranteed prices on crops.

In as loyal a Democratic County as there is in the nation, we know that many readers disagree with us 100%. However, the only time we got any reaction to an editorial was when we suggested changing the name of Elba to Y'all Come, Ala. Then G. W. Blackmon objected.

An editor likes to have his readers talk back. It proves to him that the editorials are being read and through the "Letters to the Editor" Department, presents the other point of view. The editorial page of The Clipper is as open to the readers of the paper as it is to the publisher within the limitations imposed by space and good taste.

So any time you want to "talk back" just send a "Letter to the Editor."

What It Eventually Is Going to Take for Elba

The residents of Atmore subscribed \$150,000 in bonds to Escambia Industries, Inc. to help finance a new industrial plant there.

The money will be used to build another Vanity Fair plant addition. The money was raised in less than 30 minutes.

Four years ago when Vanity Fair first established its mill in Atmore, the Escambia Industries group raised \$250,000 in 55 minutes at a similar meeting. The building is rented to Vanity Fair. Work will be given to about 250 people in the new annex proposed by Vanity Fair. About 450 are already employed by the firm. The expansion will result in an additional local payroll of about \$750,000 per year.

Steam Building Up Against Constitutional Convention

Frank M. Dixon, former governor of Alabama, is the latest individual to start picking away at Gov.-Elect James Folsom's constitutional convention.

In a speech before the Sheffield Rotary Club on Dec. 18, Mr. Dixon pointed out a few misconceptions that have been widely held over the state.

"Most people think," he said, "that the legislature must provide for the election of delegates to a constitutional convention, and that the constitution written by the convention must be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection. I found that under our present constitution all the legislature has to do is submit to the people the question of convention or no convention; if the people vote convention, then the legislature could constitute itself the convention, adopt such constitution as it saw fit, and never submit the adopted constitution to the people of Alabama."

Mr. Dixon goes on to state that he did not believe any Alabama legislature would follow this course since it would mean political oblivion for its members from then on; but it can be done and the people should know about it.

"What we would anticipate," Mr. Dixon continued, "if we are to have a convention, is that the legislature would follow the 1901 pattern—pass a bill submitting to the people the question of convention or no convention, providing if the vote was for a convention for the election of delegates and the submission of the constitution adopted for ratification or rejection by the people of the state."

The former governor then goes on to state what terrible things could happen in a constitutional convention with all its power and susceptibility to modern day pressure groups. He pictured a great many persons tied in with pressure groups running for election as delegates to the constitutional convention. All the bad things that might happen were emphasized with no thought at all given to the fact some good might come out of revamping the state's basic laws.

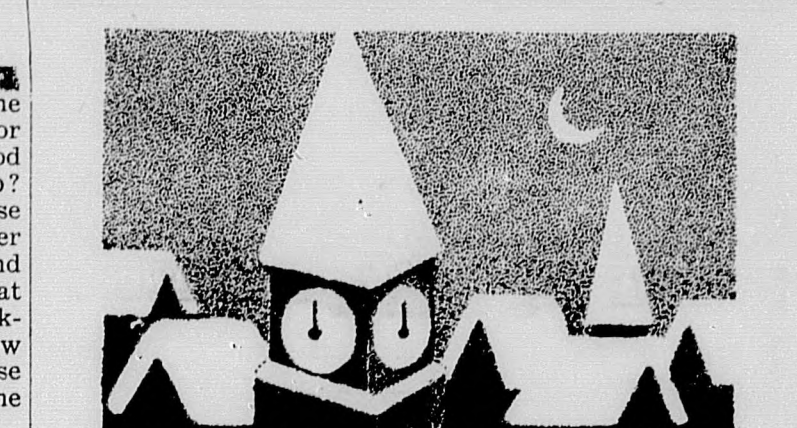
Frankly, we regard Alabama's present constitution in much the same light as an old model car. While they are all right and serve the purpose of getting their owners around, they cost more in repairs and loss of efficiency than a new auto. Then a 1905 model with its improvements, added comforts and ability to get over modern roads faster has a tremendous advantage. A revised constitution for Alabama is needed. In points of conflict there will be compromise with both sides giving and taking. But today's present patchwork constitution with its 287 sections and 100 amendments needs modernizing. Big Jim is right about that.

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May you enjoy the best of luck during the coming year, our wish for each of you, our friends.



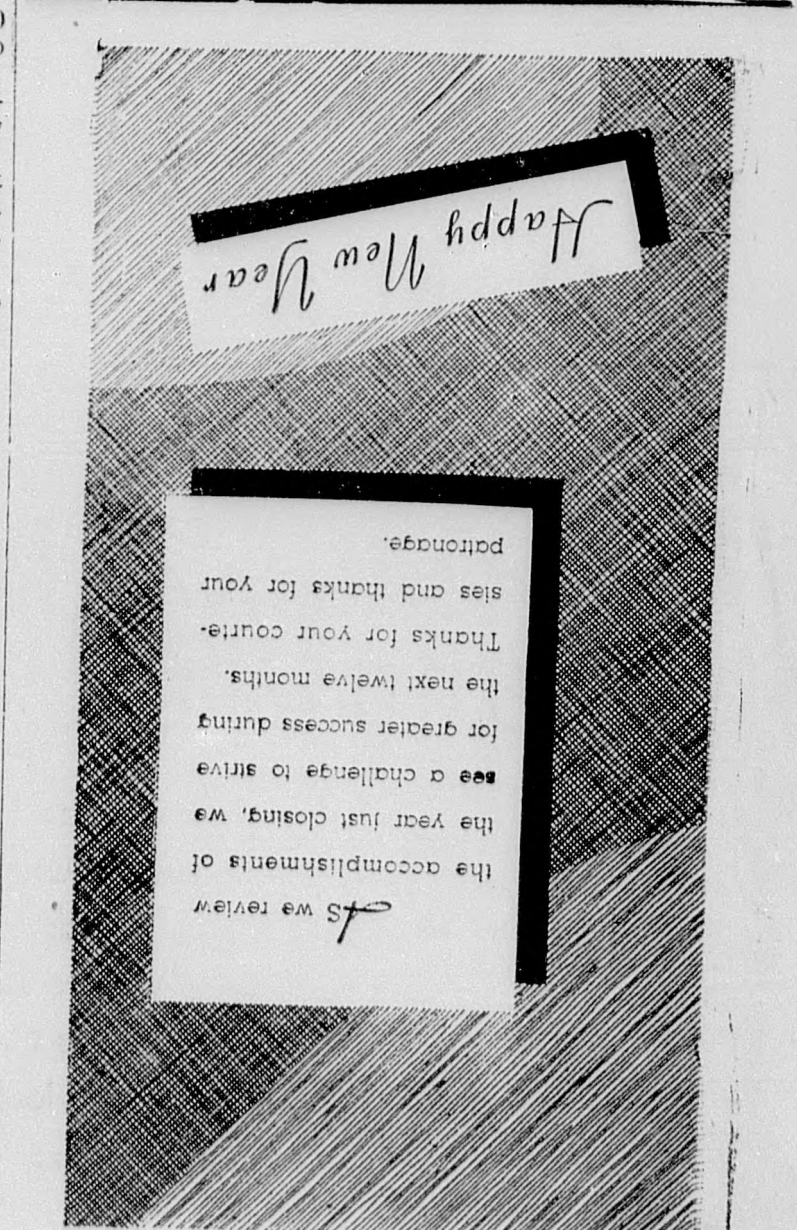
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As the Clock Strikes the Hour of Midnight

On this, the beginning of the New Year, we close our books on a very successful year, filled with lasting friendships that we look forward to continuing through the months to come. Happy New Year!

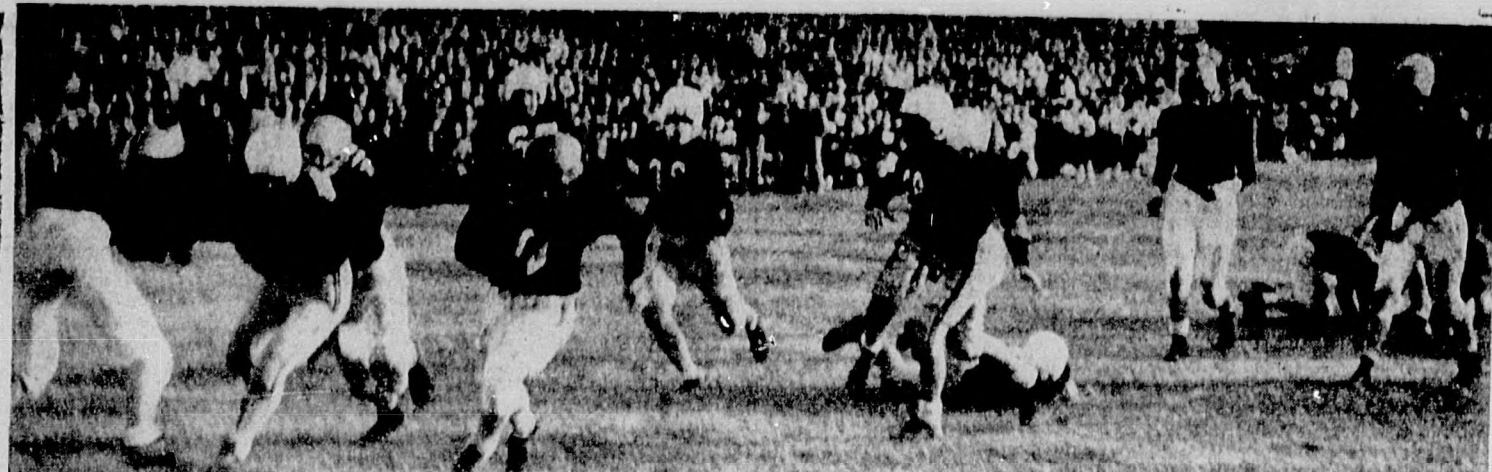
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This picture of Marlin Dress was snapped as he dashed across the goal line at the Peanut Bowl game in Dothan to give Elba a 6-0 lead over Dothan High School. The local team went on to win 13-0 and complete the most successful grid season in Elba High School team ever enjoyed. (Clipper)



Directors of the Chamber are (l to r) front row: Vardie Wright, Robert Cannon, Paul C. Cunningham, John Taylor and Dr. Bryan Taylor. Second row: Lamar Rainer Jr., K. D. Thomason, Dozier Roberts (president), Stokes Haire, Henry Dorsey, Dr. Leslie Johnson and Wiley Stanford.

Stores Open Saturday

A check of the stores around the square Monday indicated 90 per cent of them would be open Saturday, New Year's Day, according to Boyd Mirphree, head of the Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

by Circuit Judge Eris Paul. Special call of the Jury Criminal Docket for Troy will be on Jan. 3; at Elba April 18; at Troy, April 23 and at Enterprise, May 2.

Organization of a grand jury, and the regular call of the non-jury, Appearance and Equity Dockets will be at Elba beginning Monday, Jan. 31; at Troy beginning Feb. 14 and Enterprise beginning Feb. 21. At each of these three sessions the order of business will be organization of the grand jury, immediately followed by call of the Non-Jury, Appearance and Equity Dockets. Regular call of the Jury-Civil Docket will be at Elba, March 7; at Troy, March 21; at Enterprise, March 28.

Basin HD Club

The Basin HD Club held its annual Christmas dinner recently at the home of Mrs. J. W. Moody. At noon a turkey dinner was served and at 1:30 Miss Mamie Mathews met with the group. Mrs. Crell Parker presided, Mrs. Arthur Boutwell gave the devotional and a reading. Gifts were exchanged.

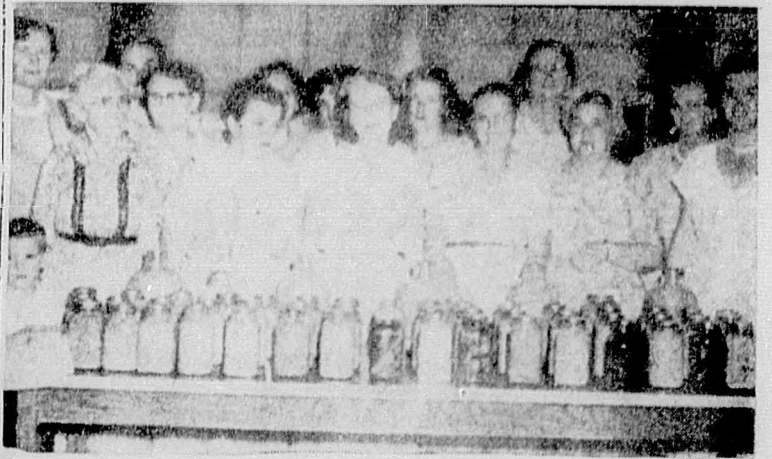
Organization of Chamber Big Event

Biggest news event in the field of clubs and civic organizations for 1954 was the formation of a Chamber of Commerce in Elba. Dozier Roberts was elected first president of the group and oper-

ations were set up in conjunction with Robert Cannon's law office.

Bill Stokes and Harry Bowtell were chosen for the top job in the Junior Chamber of Commerce for terms of six months each and Wiley Stanford was picked to head the Lions Club. Faced with dwindling funds, the Rod Cross chapter cut office operations to half days. Lester Brunson was re-elected as chairman of the West Coffee County chapter.

In the first show of its kind, the Elba Study Club sponsored an Art Show at the high school in May. There were 75 entries. Dozier Roberts was elected first president of the group and oper-



Kinston Home Demonstration Club has been canning and sewing for the school lunch room there. The women donated 85 quarts of food and 25 dish towels. Shown with their work are: First Row, Sumblin boy. Second row (l to r) Mesdames L. H. Price, Ddd Free, Tyre Anderson and Fred Wood; Third row, Mesdames John Foster, Charlie Spears, Lester Stephens, Tolbert Sumblin, not identified, Jewel Smith, N. W. Rhoades, and S. C. Phillips.

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COLUMNS OF OPPORTUNITIES

FOR SALE
Combined auto parts, garage and service station in good location in town. Have good yearly gross. Health is reason for selling. See Dick Brown or phone 255. 31c Dec. 23-30-Jan 6

FOR RENT
Three bedroom house with a lot of outside space. See M. A. Devane on Smith Ave. or call 39R2. 11c

FOR SALE
Brick home, three bed rooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, den and two bath rooms, 13 closets, one revolving pantry, built in barbecue pit, garage and extra lot. See O. T. Williams or call 14. 21p Dec. 23-30

WOMEN WANTED
Make extra money. Address Mail postcards spare time every week. BICO, 143 Belmont, Belmont, Mass. 51p Dec. 16-Jan 13

FOR SALE
Eighty-two acres of land—two dwelling houses. Land mostly fenced. See Roy Ammons near Bluff Springs school. 41p Dec. 30-Jan. 6-13-20

LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Elba Exchange Bank, Elba, Alabama for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the bank on Friday, Jan. 15, 1954, between the hours of 8 a.m. and nine o'clock P. M. Dec. 20, 1954
John Brunson, President
Dec. 20—Jan 13 41c 71w

LAND POSTED SIGNS
5c each, 50c a dozen at The Clipper. 11c

FOR RENT
Three room apartment. Private bath and entrance. Call Mrs. Malcolm Prescott, 373. 21p Dec. 23-Jan. 6

FOR SALE
Apartment size Hotpoint stove, has been used very little. 11c

Math McCollough's Place Shown Last Week in Aerial Photo

Last week a good many persons identified the mystery farm picture as the home of Math McCollough who lives on the Victoria Road. Mr. McCollough and his wife are spending the winter in Umatilla, Fla. and couldn't come in to get their picture. But as they are taking The Clipper and having it sent to Umatilla, the staff wants them to know the picture will be put aside and saved until they come back and can give us a story.

Some of those correctly identifying the farm were Mrs. Lawrence Rowell, Earl McCollough and Fairlain Mobley.

Court Calendar Is Released for Spring

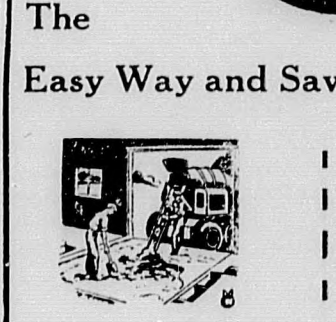
Court calendar for the Spring session was released this week.



Forgotten during the regular football season were the hard-working managers who take care of a lot of the detail work for the coach. Left to right are Carl Nelson, Tom Dyess, and Wayne Whitman. (Clipper photo)

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Dec. 31-Jan. 1
The Plunderers
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FIRST LOCAL SHOWING
January 2-3-4, 1955
Sunday-Monday-Tuesday
CINEMASCOPE
SITTING BULL
Dale Robertson
Mary Murphy
J. Carrol Naish

Weds.-Thurs., Jan. 5-6
FIRST LOCAL SHOWING
THE GOLDEN MISTRESS

Elba Theatre

Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 30-31
SEA DEVILS
Yvonne DeCarlo
Rock Hudson

Sun.-Mon., Jan. 2-3
Hell and High Water
Richard Widmark
Cinemascope

Tues.-Weds., January 4-5
Susan Slept Here
Dick Powell
Debbie Reynolds

Thurs.-Fri., January 6-7
PLAY GIRL
Shelly Winters
Barry Sullivan

Saturday, January 1, 1954
HALF BREED
Robert Young
Janis Page

WOMAN'S FACE
Joan Crawford
Melvyn Douglas
COMING: Magnificent Osesion—Caine Mutiny

A PLEDGE to You...
New Year GREETINGS

Each year at this time, we like to pause for a moment or two—to express our best wishes for a Happy New Year. At the same time, we like to say with genuine sincerity—
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